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Healey reasserts control over MLR

LONDON, May 25 (AP). — The Bank of England and the Treasury today jointly announced that they will take direct control of the minimum lending rate (MLR) — the basis for all interest rates — instead of letting the rate set itself automatically by current market rates. Although the present rate of 9 per cent is unchanged, the decision in effect revives the 270-year-old bank rate, abolished by the Conservative government of Edward Heath six years ago. The joint statement said that recently the present system had led to erratic movement in interest rates, and since the Treasury and bank were ultimately responsible for MLR's level, Chancellor of the Exchequer Denis Healey had opted in future to determine the rate by administration decision.

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Egyptian Communists arrested

ALEXANDRIA, May 25 (R). — Several people have been detained on charges of being members of the banned Egyptian Communist Party, the public prosecutor here said today. Prosecutor Sami Barbari would not disclose how many, but said police had found leaflets in their homes "instigating the Egyptian people against the government." The move against Communists followed a massive "yes" vote in a referendum ordered by President Anwar Sadat last week to clamp down on the Egyptian left. The mass-circulation newspaper Al Akhbar reported today that 22 people were detained yesterday in connection with the Alexandria case.

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Washington puzzled by Dayan's remarks as Israel reiterates U.S. rejected Egyptian plan

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 25 (AP). — Egypt has submitted its own peace plan to the United States as a counter-proposal to the Israeli plan, but Washington returned the draft to Cairo as unacceptable, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said Thursday. Spokesman Michael Shilo, clarifying remarks made by Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan to parliament Wednesday, said the United States refused to convey a text of the Egyptian plan to Israel.

In a separate development, he said the State Department had reported Cairo's answers to Israeli questions aimed at unblocking a procedural stalemate in peace negotiations. There was no evidence of an impending breakthrough in Mr. Dayan's remarks, despite the resumption of diplomatic contacts after a moratorium of several weeks.

Mr. Dayan's report to the Knesset, made without notes, left reporters uncertain on what Washington had rejected and what Israel had received. The State Department, in a statement only deepening the confusion, later said it was "puzzled" by news reports of Mr. Dayan's speech, some of which were inaccurate.

Mr. Shilo said Israel was told of the Egyptian draft but was not given a copy. Dayan said the Americans found the proposals "so impossible that they -- to put it diplomatically -- returned them to their authors."

The State Department statement said: "We have conveyed no document to Israel as suggested in the reports of the May 19 (Friday) meeting... On Friday, U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis met Dayan to present what Dayan called 'a detailed memorandum including various elements.' Mr. Shilo said Mr. Lewis read from a file of notes, but no document exchanged hands.

The memorandum contained Egypt's replies to these questions: Is President Anwar Sadat prepared to negotiate on behalf of Jordan and the Palestinians over the occupied West Bank of the Jordan River? If not, is he prepared to sign a separate peace agreement with Israel over the Sinai Peninsula?

Mr. Dayan posed these questions when he was in Washington one month ago, hoping to shelve unsuccessful negotiations for a declaration of principles that would serve as a cornerstone of future treaties.

Without referring directly to the Egyptian replies, Mr. Dayan said "It is the position of Sadat today that he is not willing to make a separate agreement... I have great doubts whether he sees himself authorized to make an agreement over Judea and Samaria," he said, using the biblical names for the West Bank.

Mr. Dayan also gave an indication of the main points of the Egyptian plan. He said Mr. Sadat demanded total withdrawal from territory captured in 1967 and the chance for Palestinians to choose independence. Israel rejects both ideas.

Israel also was asked by the Americans how it sees a settlement for the West Bank after five-year transition period of self-rule by the 1.1 million Palestinians living there and in the Gaza Strip. Prime Minister Menachem Begin told a party caucus Thursday that his cabinet would discuss its answers at its next regular meeting Sunday. He said the discussion was likely to take two weeks, Israel Radio reported.

U.S. and Israeli sources said they believed the Egyptian replies to Israel were not final. They said President Sadat appeared to be waiting for the Israeli responses before reconsidering his own position.

Congratulations pour in as Jordan marks 32nd Independence Day

AMMAN, May 25 (JNA). — As Jordan marked its 32nd Independence and Army Day, cables of congratulations poured in from Queen Elizabeth of Britain, U.S. President Jimmy Carter, Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, Emperor Hirohito of Japan, French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, the Shah of Iran, King Juan Carlos of Spain and a host of others.

His Majesty King Hussein also received cables of good wishes from King Hassan of Morocco, President Sadat of Egypt, President Bourguiba of Tunisia, President Baker of Iraq, President Boumedienne of Algeria, Col. Qaddafi of Libya, Sultan Qabus of Oman, Lt. Col. Ahmad Al Ghashimi, president of the North Yemen Command Council, Emir of Bahrain, Sheikh Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, Emir of Qatar, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani and Arab League Secretary General Mahmoud Riad, as well as the Mayor of occupied Gaza, Rashad Al Shawwa.

Public and private celebrations were held throughout the kingdom to mark the occasion.

Prince Hassan tours industries in Warsaw

WARSAW, May 25 (R). — Crown Prince Hassan yesterday toured Warsaw and some of the city's biggest industrial plants on the second day of his official visit to Poland.

The Prince and his wife, Princess Sarvath, then went to the Baltic coast where they saw the shipyards of Gdynia and toured the medieval city centre of Gdansk (Danzing), rebuilt from ruins after World War Two.

After his arrival Tuesday, the Prince had talks with a senior party official Edward Babuch and head of state Henryk Jablonski, centering on trade and economic cooperation between the two countries.

The visit is the first at this level between the countries since they established relations in 1964.

As rebels wait to close in

French begin pullout from Zaire

PARIS, May 25 (R). — France began withdrawing Foreign Legion forces from Kolwezi today after ensuring that whites had been evacuated from the area invaded by rebels in southern Zaire.

But Zaire President Mobutu Sese Seko complained that he had not been advised of the French pullout.

And diplomatic sources in Kinshasa, Zaire's capital, reported that between 150 and 300 rebels were hiding in the bush ready to move back into Kolwezi once the legionnaires had gone.

The French Defence Ministry

said the paratroopers, who dropped last Friday into the mining town where up to 200 Europeans were slaughtered by rebels, had started to pull back to the Shaba provincial capital of Lubumbashi before leaving the country. The withdrawal was expected to take about 36 hours.

Government sources reported meanwhile that during a Franco-African summit in Paris this week France had given its total support for the concept of a pan-African force to police the continent's trouble spots. The sources said the creation of such a force would enable France -- with troops on three African battlefronts, Zaire, Chad and Mauritania -- to step down from its role as "gendarme of Africa."

Last year France provided air force transports to fly Moroccan troops to Shaba, the troubled Zaire province.

But the government sources said President Valery Giscard d'Estaing told Gen. Mobutu yesterday that France would not intervene in Zaire again, whatever the circumstances.

Soviet criticism

The Soviet Union today accused France of staging "neo-colonialist ventures" in Africa amid growing signs that the Kremlin is abandoning its long-standing reluctance to criticize French foreign policy.

Following increasingly bitter attacks on the French role in events in Zaire by the Soviet media, the official Tass news agency charged that French and Belgian troops had massacred Europeans there to blame the killing on rebels.

President Mobutu complained today: "The (French) president told me that the French paratroopers would withdraw from Kolwezi once their mission was finished. But he did not tell me of the luminance of their withdrawal."

He nevertheless praised France lavishly for its action in Zaire, saying it was the only western nation to respect its obligations towards African countries.

Informed sources said the Foreign Legion had captured

PLO, Al Hoss strike deal on cooperation with UNIFIL in Lebanon

BEIRUT, May 25 (AP). — The Palestine Liberation Organisation has pledged to end armed presence, pull out non-Palestinian volunteers and peacefully coexist with U.N. peace-keeping forces in south Lebanon, the PLO announced today.

The accord was reached in a meeting held between Lebanese Premier Salim Al Hoss and a six-man PLO delegation headed by Mr. Yasser Arafat at the premier's suburban villa last night, the PLO statement reported.

Dr. Al Hoss confirmed the pact and said a three-man military committee will soon be set up to oversee on-the-spot application of the agreement in southern areas invaded by Israeli last March.

The committee will be made up of representatives from the PLO, Lebanese internal security forces and the Syrian dominated Arab League peace forces that police an 18-month-old civil war armistice in the rest of Lebanon.

The PLO statement said the Palestinian leadership pledged to undertake rapid efforts to end "negative practices and violations" in the south to "facilitate the mission" of the U.N. interim force in Lebanon (UNIFIL).

This was an indication Mr. Arafat would use his weight to stop radical Palestinians and their extremist Lebanese allies from infiltrating UNIFIL lines into areas vacated by Israel in the war-conquered south.

Israel's U.S. Ambassador Simcha Dinitz said in Washington yesterday his country's intelligence reports indicate 100 to 200 guerrillas have already returned to war-conquered areas handed by Israel to UNIFIL in south Lebanon. But UN sources said today only two parties of radical guerrillas, each made up of 15, were surrounded by UNIFIL troops in Israeli vacated areas near the port city of Tyre and in the foothills of Mount Hermon.

Commanders of both parties told reporters they belonged to the rejection front, the radical flank of the guerrilla movement headed by Dr. George Habash's Marxist Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP).

The five-man team that accompanied Mr. Arafat during his talks with Dr. Al Hoss did not include any PFLP representative. A PFLP official said the group's leadership was holding a meeting later today to define its stand on the PLO commitments to the Lebanese government.

Several previous agreements to regulate guerrilla presence in Lebanon remained unfulfilled because of disputes over interpretation or radical intransigence.

The PLO summed up the outcome of the Al Hoss-Arafat talks as follows:

"1-The PLO assured the prime minister of its eagerness to facilitate the mission of the U.N. forces in order to bring about a total Israeli withdrawal from the south and re-establish Lebanese sovereignty in the region."

"2-The PLO condemned all negative practices and violations in the south," and expressed its full readiness to exert all efforts to prevent such actions in the south, possible time to safeguard Palestinian-Lebanese relations."

"3-The PLO emphasised its intention to end armed manifestations in the south to help legitimate authorities discharge their duties and extend their sovereignty in the area."

"4-At the request of the pr-

ima minister, the PLO will seek to ensure the repatriation of volunteers" who came to resist the invasion of the south.

"5-It was agreed to continue meetings to organise Lebanese-Palestinian relations in a way that will safeguard Lebanese sovereignty and serve the Palestinian cause."

Asked how soon would these commitments be translated into reality, Dr. Al Hoss said "Quickly, God willing."

Weizman slams remarks by Israel's U.S. ambassador

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 25 (R). — Defence Minister Ezer Weizman today criticised Israel's Ambassador to the United States Simcha Dinitz for remarks he made in a television interview concerning Israel's invasion of south Lebanon.

Mr. Dinitz quoted Israeli intelligence reports which said that up to 200 Palestinians guerrillas had returned to areas in south Lebanon evacuated by Israeli forces following the March 14 invasion.

Mr. Weizman told a meeting of the ruling Likud Bloc parliament members that Mr. Dinitz's remarks could be interpreted as criticising Israel's operation to stop guerrilla activity in south Lebanon.

Eritrean group claims to hold out against Ethiopian offensive

DAMASCUS, May 25 (Agencies). — An Eritrean liberation group claimed today its guerrillas pushed attacking Ethiopian forces back to within five kms. from Eritrea's provincial capital of Asmara and captured 20 more Ethiopian troops.

A communique published by the Damascus-based Eritrean News Agency reported guerrillas regained five kms. from the 10-km. strip a 20,000-man Ethiopian army gained in an 11-day-old offensive in the highlands west of Asmara.

The communique said the Ethiopian attempt to break the six-month guerrilla siege of Asmara had been repulsed despite savage air strikes that allegedly "obliterated entire villages" in the western highlands.

The communique said fighting was underway 15 kms. west of the Asaba Port that overlooks the southern entrance to the Red Sea in Eritrea's Danacalla district.

"The Ethiopian navy and air force have escalated their bombardment of our strongholds but a pincer drive by another 20,000-man enemy force to close our sea routes has been stopped," said the communique.

The agency speaks for the Eritrean Liberation Front's Revolutionary Council (ELF-RC), the largest group waging a 16-year-old guerrilla rebellion of the former Italian colony annexed by Ethiopia and that provides its only sea outlet.

Another major guerrilla group has denied that an Ethiopian general offensive to crush the rebellion has been launched, saying the Addis Ababa regime of Col. Mengistu Haile Mariam was only massing troops and armour for a four-pronged offensive.

Earlier, ELF-RC communiques claimed "thousands" of Ethiopian troops were taken prisoner and proposed an exchange through the International Red Cross.

Diplomatic sources said the alleged Ethiopian offensive in Eritrea had strained the Soviet Union and Cuba's relations with leftist Arab nations backing the Eritrean revolt.

Syria has declared all-out support for the rebels against Mengistu's Soviet-backed regime although the Syrians are the largest recipients of Soviet arms in the Arab World.

Iraq, also a close Kremlin ally in the Arab World, was reported to have "advised" the Soviet Union and Cuba against taking any part in Ethiopia's efforts to quell the Eritrean rebellion.

The ELF-RC's communiques have made no reference yet to any Soviet or Cuban participation in the alleged offensive.

Vance gets tough on Ethiopia

In New York, U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance said today he will urge a Soviet and Cuban military withdrawal from Ethiopia when talks open with the Soviet Union on curbing the nuclear arms race.

Mr. Vance said on American television his discussions with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko tonight would centre on the Strategic Arms Limitation talks (SALT).

But he also planned to speak "very frankly and in a straightforward fashion on Africa."

Cuba and the Soviet Union now have 17,000 military advisors in Ethiopia, and there are another 25,000 Cuban in Angola, according to U.S. estimates.

Mr. Vance told ABC-TV there was no reason for the forces to remain in Ethiopia now that its Ogaden desert war with Somalia was over.

Officials said Mr. Vance yesterday won an assurance from Somalia that it would not use force in any future attempt to change its borders with its neighbours in the Horn of Africa -- Ethiopia, Kenya and Djibouti.

Israeli supreme court orders work on West Bank settlement to halt

TEL AVIV, May 25 (AP). — Three judges of Israel's Supreme Court issued a temporary order Thursday to stop land preparation for a Jewish settlement on land claimed by an Arab village in the occupied West Bank of the Jordan River, Israel Radio reported.

The ruling was an initial victory for the West Bank Palestinians in their first court challenge of land expropriation in the territory occupied since the 1967 war.

The radio said the high court judges ordered Defence Minister Ezer Weizman and the West Bank military government to halt land clearance for the Neve Tsaf settlement near the Arab village of Nabi Saleh, 20 miles north of Jerusalem.

The Defence Ministry also was ordered to take down a barbed-wire fence enclosing 50 acres of disputed land and to prove within 40 days why it should not permanently stop work on the site, the radio said.

Government attorneys had argued that the land in question had lain uncultivated and therefore could be taken for public use. The Jewish settlers, now about 15 families, live in a large border police station on the site, and the land preparation was required to provide them permanent housing.

A spokesman for the extremist Gush Emunim movement, the group organising much of the Jewish settlement in the West Bank, said it was confident the land eventually would be available for Neve Tsaf's use.

"We are sure the land belongs to the state and it will be possible to establish a blossoming settlement there," Gush Emunim leader Hanan Porat said in a prepared statement.

The 50 acres enclosed by the fence are on the side of a gentle, rocky slope which, Nabi Saleh Arabs told the Associated Press, is used for grazing and sometimes for growing grain crops.

A barbed-wire fence led up the hill to a border police station where 12 Gush Emunim families and two bachelors are living.



American heart surgeon Dr. Michael DeBakey (above) performs Saudi Arabia's first open heart operation on a five-year old boy in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. The operation was performed by a team of twelve American doctors led by Dr. DeBakey, from the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. Five-year-old Mohammed Al Zahran, (right) is comforted by an unidentified member of the American surgical team. (AP wirephoto)



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It's full steam ahead at Aqaba Port as expansion plans show healthy early results

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AQABA. — The Aqaba Port Authorities are almost embraced by their own success. Traffic through the port is increasing at a healthy rate and this year is expected to reach about 1.8 million tons. But despite this the port finds itself with double the capacity that it needs, even before its massive expansion project is anywhere near complete.

Two years ago, with a daily unloading capacity of only about 2,000 tons and congestion periods building up to 45 days, Jordan's only port seemed heavily under strain. Plans were drawn up then for a JD 17 million project to extend the existing port and orders were put in for two new floating berths from Japan.

But about the same time a new management team, headed by Ahmad Fawzi Abu Nuwar, was appointed. Within a short period handling capacity at the port was more than tripled. And with a few simple but effective measures the team found that congestion could be altogether eliminated.

They installed lighting, for instance, so that unloading could continue at night. They relieved the bottlenecks that had built up on the weighbridges and at the truck entrance to the port. And they levelled a new yard to increase the handling area at the harbour. The floating berths were anchored to the beach 5 kms. down the coast from the main port, and came into operation more or less immediately.

For the first time, the port authorities started drawing up detailed statistics. These reveal that in 1976 the port handled 1.3 million tons of cargo. In 1977 the figure was 1.4 million, and this year, Mr. Abu Nuwar told the Jordan Times, the port expects between 1.6 and 1.8 million. His projected figure for 1981, when the new berths should be in operation, is 2.2 million tons.

When the harbour extensions are complete, the port will have a large amount of spare capacity. But it was decided to go ahead with the project anyway, partly because the money was available — the Saudi Arabians provided 50 per cent of the cost in a long-term loan — and partly, as Mr. Abu Nuwar said, because "we are not only building for the next five years."

A transit port

It is hoped to make Aqaba into an important transit port serving not just Jordan but Saudi Arabia, Iraq and even Iran as well. Aqaba, Mr. Abu Nuwar explained, is half-way between Hamburg and Basra (Iraq's major port on the Arabian Gulf). It takes a ship between a week and ten days to make the journey from Europe to Aqaba, but 17 or 20 days to Basra. For large parts of Iraq it is not much further by road from Aqaba than it is from Basra. In short, freight charges can be reduced by as much as 30 per cent by shipping through Aqaba, Mr. Abu Nuwar said, and delivery times greatly reduced.

This year the port expects to be handling about 500,000 tons of Iraqi goods, about 200,000 for Iran and more than 100,000 for Saudi Arabia. In 1976 transit traffic amounted to 20 per cent of the port's business. Last year the figure dropped disappointingly to 8 per cent. This, Mr. Abu Nuwar said, was because of the heavy duties that were levied in Jordan on trucks passing through the country. But if forecasts are right transit traffic will be nearer to 50 per cent this year. The port authority is studying the possibility of lowering tariffs at the harbour by a "substantial" amount to encourage this trend.

Most of the cargo that arrives at Aqaba destined for Iraq

is in "containers". All the signs are that containerised traffic will account for about half the world's sea cargo within a few years. And work is going ahead at Aqaba Mr. Abu Nuwar said, to prepare for this. One of the floating berths has already been turned into a container terminal and a JD 1 million project is underway to increase Aqaba's container handling capacity from its present 15 per cent of total to 50 per cent within five years.

In the Area East, as the new floating port is known, an area of 80,000 square metres of heavy duty paving is being prepared by the National Construction Company. An underpass is also to be built, linking the new area with the existing one on the other side of the Saudi road. And trolleys are going out for two straddle carriers — a special type of crane which uses a minimal amount of space as it manoeuvres between stacks of containers.

Outlet for phosphates exports

But Aqaba is of importance not just as a transit port but also as the major outlet for Jordan's exports. The first phosphate stores and berth were constructed at Aqaba way back in 1959. Since then phosphate handling capacity at the port has been increased nearly ten-fold and last year 1.7 million tons of the mineral powder was shipped out through Aqaba. The aim this year, Mr. Adel Sharie, Aqaba Branch Manager of the Phosphate Mines Company, told the Jordan Times, is to push that figure to 2.7 million tons.

At the southern end of the port two giant phosphate storage bins have just been built by Hudhud Shand and Pohlig-Hackel-Bleichert (PHB). Each of these has a capacity of 115,000 tons. They are a dramatic sight close to the water front — colossal and white and zig-zagged with elaborate conveyer lines. Parts of them disappear as the wind shifts and a very fine phosphate mist erases the scene.

From the stores the phosphate is rushed out along a complex of conveyers ending in two massive feeders that jut out high above the jetty. One of these is newly built and the other has been upgraded from a capacity of 1,500 tons per hour to 2,100 to bring it in line with the new one.

The last stage of this JD 12 million phosphate project at Aqaba includes the extension of one of the older berths by 80 metres — so that it will be able to dock ships of up to 100,000 tons — and the building of a second rail intake. Special facilities are needed at the port to allow the phosphate powder to be dropped straight out of rail wagons, down a shoot and into the conveyer system that will carry it up to the stores. Hudhud Shand are now doing the civil works for that. PHB will be undertaking the electrical and mechanical side of things.

Port expansion

Meanwhile at the other end of the port work is going ahead to extend the sea frontage by almost one km. After a good deal of hesitation, the authorities decided to go ahead with this JD 17 million project and last year awarded the contract to Aarmac-Shahin. The original plans, drawn up by Parsons Brown and Newton from the U.K. and Jouzy and Partners of Amman, have since been slightly modified; the late Dr. Ibrahim Kurdi (R.I.P.), then Projects Manager at the port, told the Jordan Times. (Dr. Kurdi died tragically soon after this interview.) The proposed new lighter berth extensions have been cancelled, he said. Instead space for an extra three 180-metre berths will be created on the east side of the reclaimed spit of land on which the harbour extension is to be

sited. This involves walling up the otherwise sloping sides of the earth fill which is being dumped in the sea at the moment.

One of the technical problems involved in building the port extension is knowing how well the coral sea bed will hold the steel columns that are to support the platform of the docks. Test piles (columns) are being sunk now.

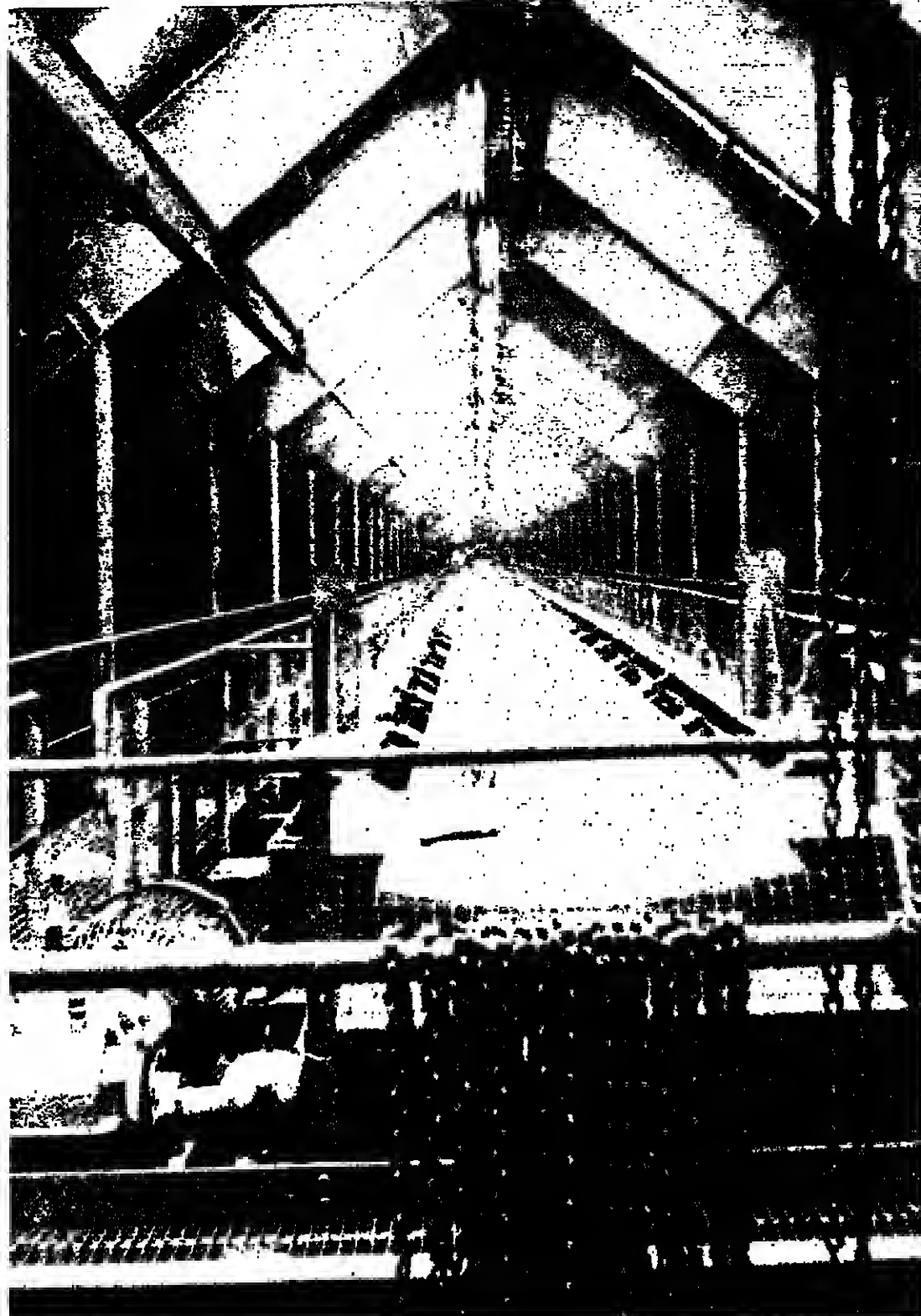
Meanwhile it has been decided to take the earth which is needed for the fill from a site much closer to the harbour than was originally proposed. This will have the merit of eventually providing the port with an almost ready-made extra handling area of 70,000 square metres, Dr. Kurdi said.

On top of all this, a short link road is being planned to give better access to the main Saudi highway and work is now also going ahead on a housing estate perched up in the hills, for port personnel. Dr. Kurdi estimated that this project alone would cost JD 1 million.

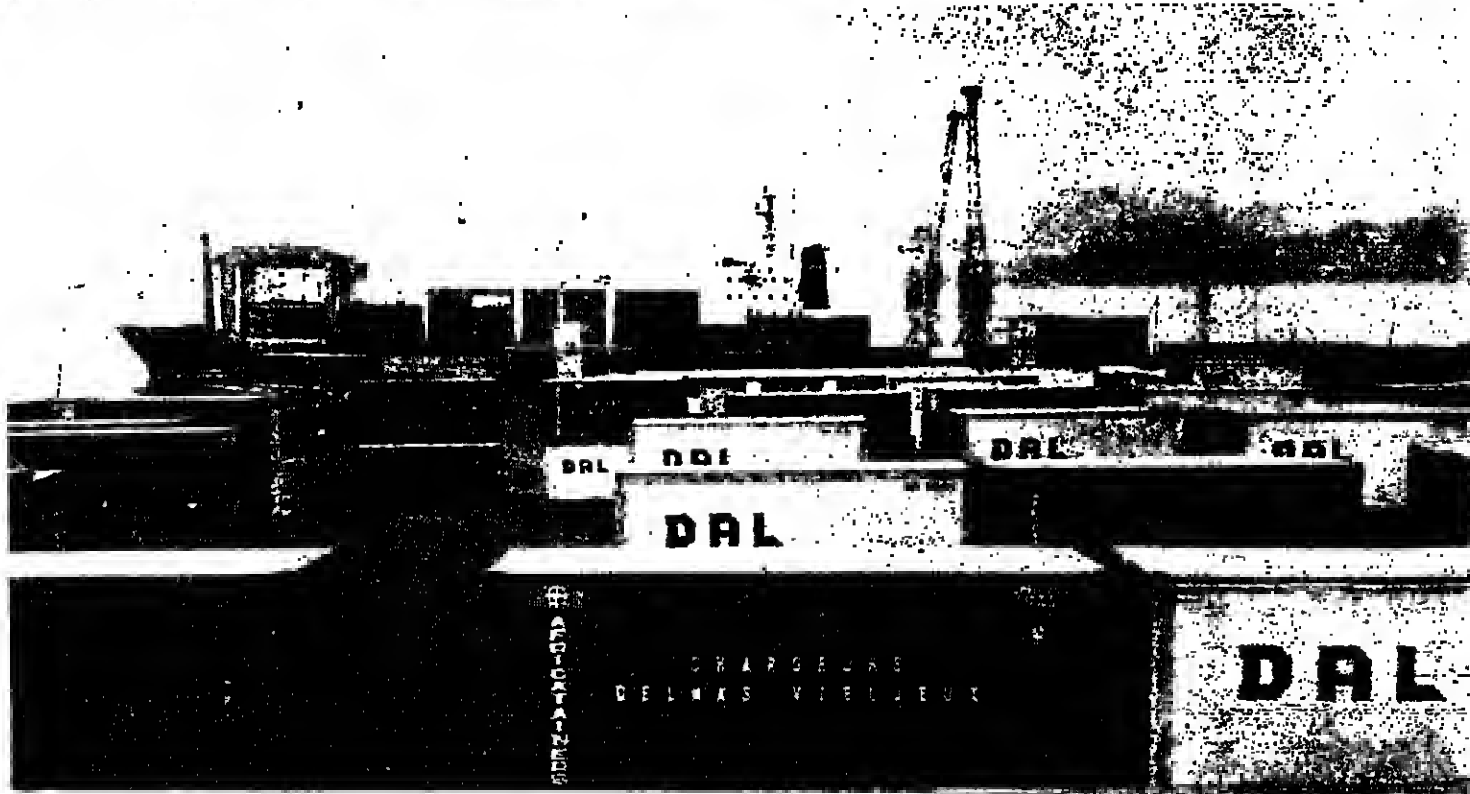
A cold store with a capacity of 500 tons is to be constructed close to the water front and Rendel Palmer and Tritton who, have also been the consultants for the phosphate project, are looking into the question of providing potash handling facilities at the port. Potash will become a major export when production gets under way in 1982.

In the meantime, a new passenger terminal is nearing completion at the floating port. There are now regular boat runs between Jeddah, Aqaba and Suez, as well as a car ferry service.

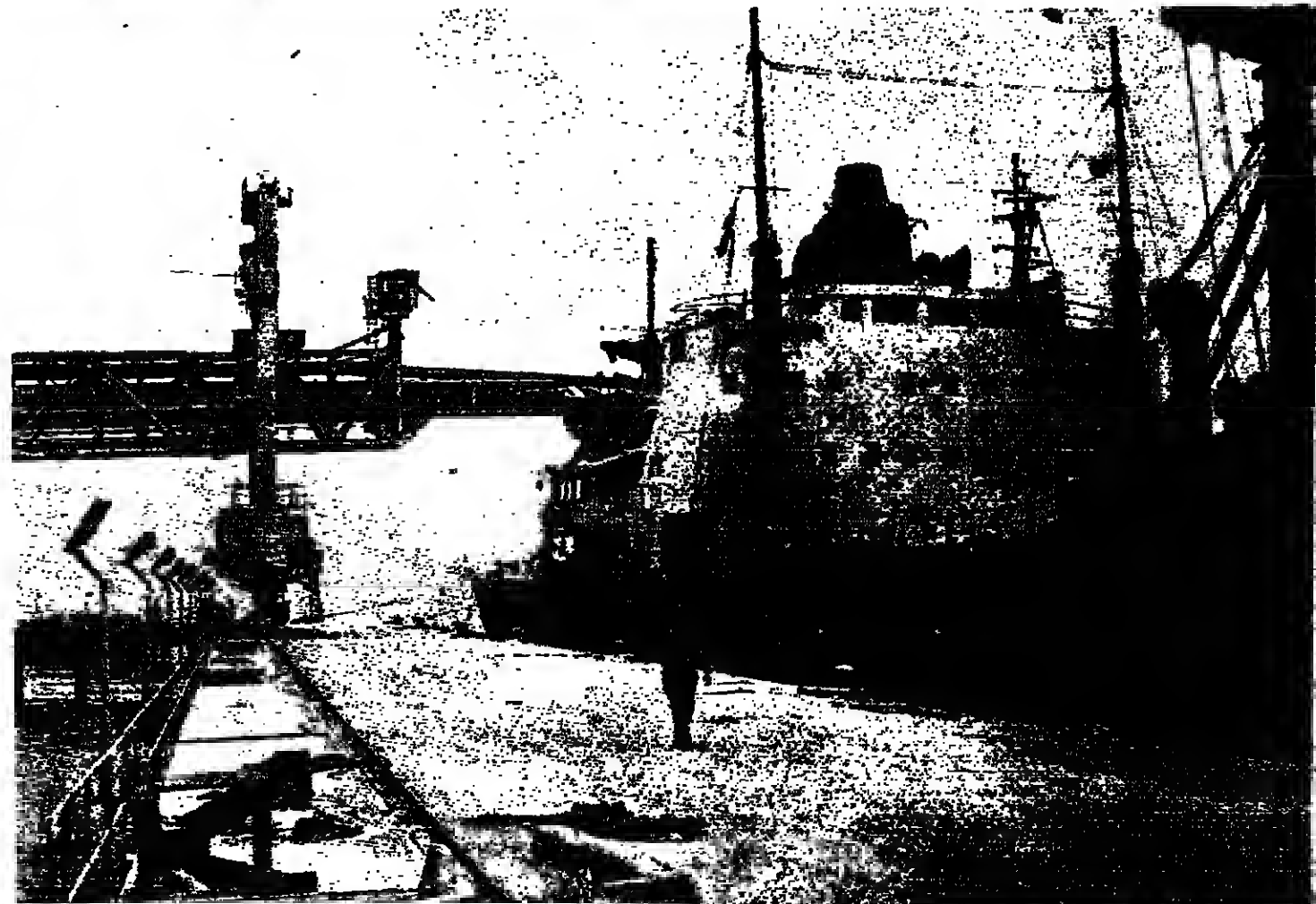
Finally, to ensure that there are people to run the expanded facilities at the port, a new training scheme is being devised. The final terms of an agreement with West Germany are being drawn up whereby equipment and instructors will be supplied to the Maritime corporations newly built college in the centre of Aqaba. It is to include a complete model of a ship's hold to give practical training in loading techniques. The college will be running six-month courses for port personnel. It is expected to launch off within about six months from now.



The top conveyor belt at the newly completed 115,000-ton store at Aqaba waits for its first consignment of phosphate.



More and more cargo in future will come in containers. Special handling facilities for them are being expanded at the new floating port at Aqaba.



Phosphate is fed on to a ship at Aqaba through one of the newly built high speed loaders.

An honest challenge for honest reporters

The short-lived furore in the occupied West Bank this week over Israeli plans to expropriate more Arah land to establish new Jewish settlements and cities centred on a possible change in the Israeli government's practice of seizing Arah land that is not privately owned, and leaving privately owned land alone. The matter seems to have been resolved by keeping this distinction operational, and private land, according to Israeli officials, will not be expropriated by the Israeli government.

This matter is worth investigating further, and we challenge our colleagues in the international press who are stationed in Israel to press ahead with honest investigations of Israeli practices in purchasing and expropriating Arah land in occupied territory. We challenge them, for example, to do a thorough investigation of the Israeli company, the Hemmutah Company, which is registered separately in Ramallah as a foreign company in the Arab Companies Registry. We challenge them to investigate Hemmutah's role as a cover to buy Arah land in the West Bank. We challenge them to investigate the organic links between Hemmutah and the Jewish National Fund, which has been described accurately as the foremost instrument in realising Zionist goals of land ownership in Palestine, as well as its links with the Israel Lands Administration. We challenge the international press in Israel and the occupied territories to investigate the full scope of how Israeli government and private agencies go about acquiring Arab land in occupied territories, through such means as "repossessing" lands that were owned by Jews before 1948, laying claim to public lands, military expropriation or secret purchases, through Hemmutah and other agencies and individuals.

Israel's aim has always been to establish a Jewish state in Palestine and to get rid of as many Palestinians as possible. A cardinal tool in this drive has been the acquisition of Palestinian land. There is a powerful story there, and we challenge our colleagues in the international press to tell that story to the world.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

On the occasion of Jordan's Army and Independence Day, which was celebrated Thursday, AL RAI newspaper said the message carried by Jordan and its Hashemite leadership was not intended merely to achieve national independence for Jordan. Rather, it was an all-embracing and revolutionary mission aimed at achieving unity, freedom and a better future for all the Arabs as the first manifesto of the leader of the great Arab Revolution stated.

For Jordan, independence was not an end in itself but a means to fulfill the principles of the Arab Revolution namely: unity, freedom and a prosperous future, the newspaper says, adding that, in this context, the linking of Independence Day with Army Day can be understood.

The army is the shield of independence and a symbol of the strength of an independent and sovereign state. In another column on the same subject Al Rai says independence places on the people heavy burdens and grave responsibilities, particularly during hard times and periods of trying experiences when the only hope lies in strength supported by a sound ideology. Fortunately, the newspaper points out, these two qualities characterise the rank and file of the Jordanian army.

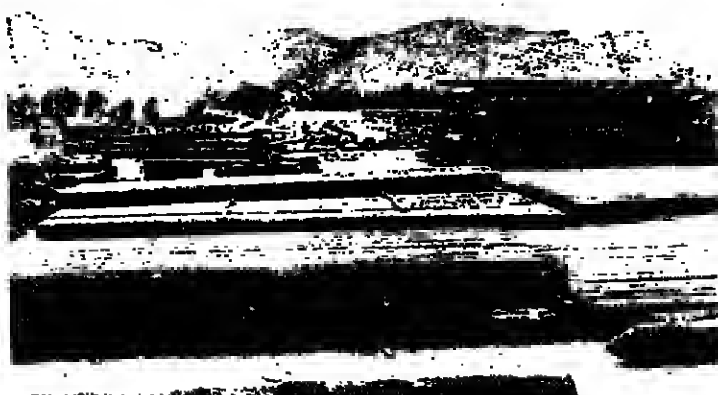
Ahmad Lawzi meets British "Young Conservatives"

AMMAN, May 25 (JNA). — President of Jordan's National Consultative Council Ahmad Lawzi yesterday met a delegation from the "Young Conservatives" branch of the British Conservative Party and discussed with them the Palestinian problem and Jordan's steadfast position based on total Israeli withdrawal from the occupied lands, granting the Palestinians their rights including the right to self-determination in their homeland.

Mr. Lawzi briefed the delegation on the constitutional and parliamentary life in Jordan, the reasons for establishing the National Consultative Council and its role in serving the country.

Cinema critics wanted

The Jordan Times is looking for a qualified film critic to review films that are screened in Amman, both in the commercial cinemas as well as the cultural centres. We would like someone with previous experience in writing film reviews, and a proven expertise in the field of cinema and the performing arts in general. The position would probably involve writing one or two reviews per month, perhaps increasing to three or four per month with time. Interested persons who have the above qualifications and are interested in writing reviews for the Jordan Times should contact Mr. Khouri by telephone at the Jordan Times, at 67171, any time between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., and between 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.



Files are stacked and waiting at Aqaba. Within two years they will be supporting a 1 km. stretch of new berths at the port.

مركز امتحان الامم

Excavations at Tell Mazar reveal a "fascinating" insight into Iron Age (1550-1200B.C.) burial practices

This is the last of a two-part series on recent excavation work at two archaeological sites in the Jordan Valley. Today's article deals with Tell Mazar.

Text and photos
By Susan Balderstone

Fascinating insight into the burial practices of the Iron Age inhabitants of Tell Mazar has been gained through the recently concluded excavation programme at the site.

During a recent field excursion by the Friends of Archaeology, Dr. Khair Yassine, director of excavations at Tell Mazar, guided his visitors through the cemetery site at the tell.

Here the excavating team has uncovered an extensive burial area dating back to 900 B.C. The earlier layer comprises at least three shaft tombs in which Iron Age pots were found. Dr. Yassine believes that this was a sanctuary area which continued to be used until the Persian period (549-331 B.C.).

The thirty-five skeletons of this later period were found in various positions all over the site. They were found partly dug into the ash layer

on which the foundations of the later structures were laid. The different postures of burial in which the skeletons were found are thought by Dr. Yassine to indicate specific religious practices of the period.

Some skeletons can still be seen as they remain in situ as found, others have been removed to the Faculty of Sciences at the University of Jordan where their bones will be studied by anthropologists.

A large collection of pots remains in situ at the northeast corner of the excavated area. These contained offerings to the dead. Here also is a child burial in a jar -- Dr. Yassine explained that children were buried like this because they were too small and fragile to be placed straight into the earth.

With many of the male (warrior) skeletons were found weapons and sharpening implements. Each warrior had seven arrowheads, some also had spears. One was found with

a spearhead in the back of his skull, others showed evidence of surgery in that the bones had drill holes. The presence of anklets and necklaces on some of the skeletons showed that the people were also buried wearing their jewelry.

The burial ground and sanctuary area is located on a small mound to the north of the main tell. Dr. Yassine's team began excavating the main tell last year and discovered only at the end of the season the exciting nature of the small mound to the north. During this season work was continued in three locations; the burial ground, the top of the tell, and the south slope of the tell.

The dig was funded by the Department of Antiquities and the University of Jordan.

Dr. Khair Yassine's students at the Department of History and Archaeology at the University joined the dig each Thursday in order to gain field work experience in conjunction with their courses. The dig team lived at the University Farm, several kilometres south of Deir 'Alla, in what amounted to luxury compared with the usual dig accommodation of tents. Here, said Dr. Yassine, "we even have hot showers!" Here also is a large workroom where the behind the scenes work is done on cleaning and marking the potsherds and artifacts, drawing them and drawing the survey plans of the excavation.

Work would begin on the tell at 6 a.m. and usually continued until 3 or 4 p.m., with breaks at 9 a.m. for tea and cookies and at noon for lunch. Friday was the hard-earned day off.

Excavation at the south slope of the tell has revealed occupation dating back to the 11th century B.C. A city wall and domestic buildings have been uncovered, all built of mud brick. Dr. Yassine explained that the great thickness and type of structure of the city wall was due to the fact that "for economical reasons they built two walls of mud brick and filled in between with earth. Later on, because of the pressure of the mound they decided to build buttresses for the wall."

Some of the site supervisors described the methods used in digging and the great care needed in order to correctly identify what was wall and what is just earth. "Sometimes we bring water and wet the earth and bring up the colours so we can see the line. Then we use brushes and scrape very slowly" said Dr. Yassine.

The difficulties were highlighted by Dr. Yassine in describing a floor in which there

are several round holes resembling fireplaces. "Things can be misleading. Last year we thought we had a foundry, this year we decided to test our hypothesis. It is actually a collapsed roof -- the fallen beams have made this structure. There was so much burning of the roof that the clay around the fallen timbers got so hard it made these beautifully rounded hearths."

The nearby Tell Deir 'Alla is concurrent with Tell Mazar. Excavations at that site have provided a pottery chronology which Dr. Yassine's team is using to date the pottery found at Tell Mazar. "We have mostly similar pottery, some things are different, but we are using the same chronology," he said.

Tell Deir 'Alla (described in the previous article) has been excavated by Dr. Franken of Lieden, Holland and Dr. Moawiyah Ibrahim of the Jordan Department of Antiquities. Believed by some to be the Biblical Succoth, mentioned in the story of Jacob and the angel, occupation of the site has been traced from the Middle Bronze Age (1550-1200 B.C.) through the Late Bronze Age (1200-539 B.C.) and Iron Age I and II (539-332 B.C.).

The top of the tell affords a view of metallurgy have been found. Surrounding the tell is a magnificent view of the surrounding valley, and more ancient mounds of civilisation. A little to the south, next to the road, is the great bulk of Tell Deir 'Alla. To the north, over against the Jordan River, is Tell Sayidieh where mud-brick-lined tombs and ev-tells is rich green cultivation highlighted by the glint of sunlight on the polythene "greenhouses" and on water in the irrigation channels.

The latest period of occupation of Tell Mazar has been exposed on top of the tell. This is the Hellenistic phase (332-63 B.C.). Copper pieces and inscribed pottery so far discovered lead Dr. Yassine to believe that the last phase of Persian occupation continued into this Hellenistic period.

The structure and many storage silos suggest that at this period the site was a centre of military control. Dr. Yassine believes that the building was perhaps a government or official building of some kind. It is a stone structure which Dr. Yassine pointed out is consistent with Hellenistic culture.

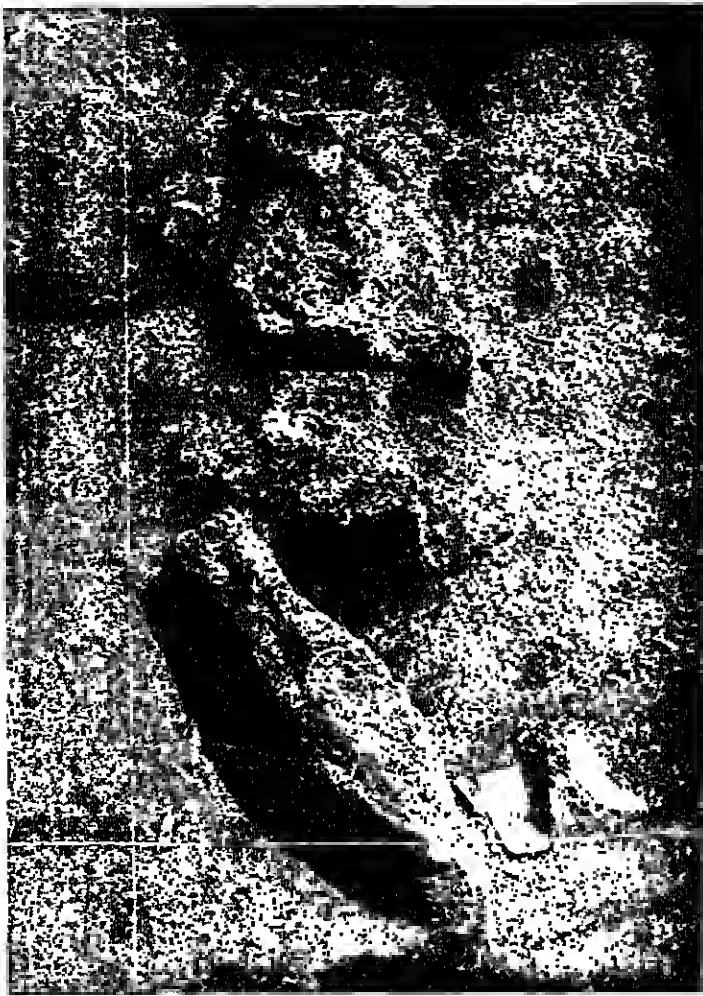
Various species of grain have been found in the silos including barley. There were also broad beans, olives and fish-bones. Many implements such as pottery and alabaster ladies show foreign influence indicating considerable trading, and the one coin found to date is believed to have come from a passing traveller. It is a coin of Alexander Jannaeus' reign, dated 1st century B.C.



A child burial in a pot.



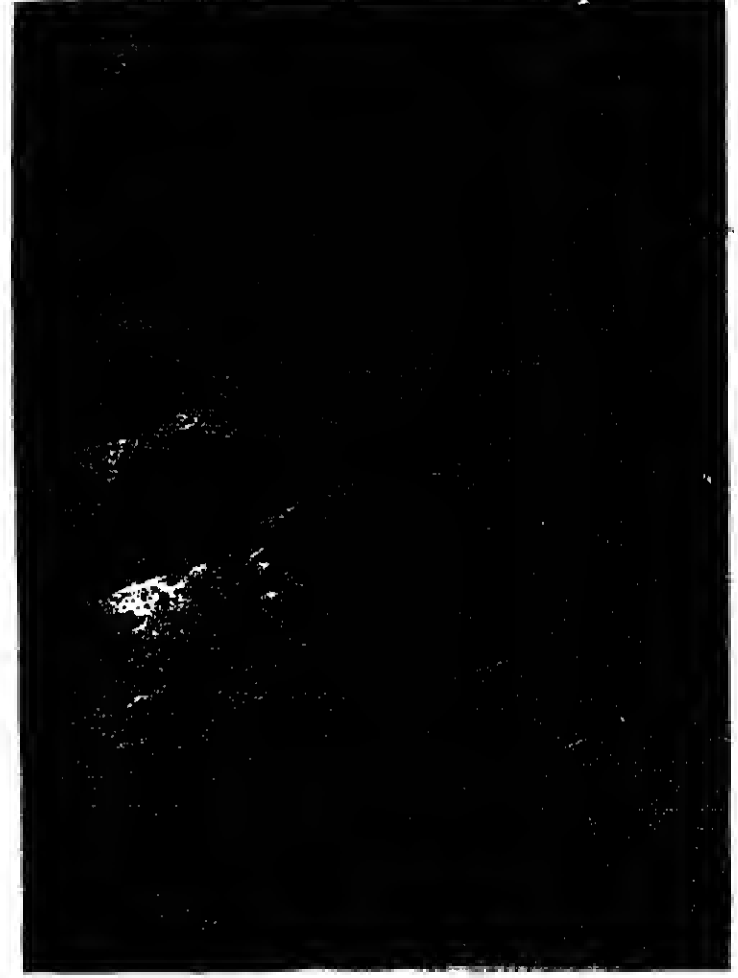
Dr. Yassine (centre) points out a shaft tomb at the burial site of Tell Mazar to some members of the Friends of Archaeology.



One of the skeletons remaining in situ.



Dr. Khair Yassine describing the burial ground at Tell Mazar from the edge of the excavations.



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Turkey returns to oil importing to sustain Atas refinery capacity

ANKARA, May 25 (R). — The first shipment of foreign oil to be imported for the Atas refinery in southern Turkey in three months was offloaded yesterday just five days before a government deadline threatening nationalisation.

The Energy Ministry had given Mobil and British Petroleum until Sunday to resume full production or have their shares nationalised.

The refinery at the southern port of Mersin has been

running at less than half capacity for three months because the companies said they could not import more oil until overdue payments had been made.

Oil industry sources said

the Finance Ministry had cleared transfers for the 42,000-ton cargo of British Petroleum crude which arrived in Mersin Tuesday and for another 40,000-ton Mobil shipment due there within the next few days.

They said this did not necessarily mean that the problem of payments had been solved.

The refinery had been running largely on oil from wells in eastern Turkey.

But workers on a pipeline connecting those fields to the Atas refinery went on strike Tuesday and union officials say supplies to Mersin could dry up in the next two days.

This would mean that even with fresh supplies of imported oil the refinery will still be working at well below capacity.

Government officials have said measures are being taken to prevent shortages.

World is heading for oil shortage in five years, say experts

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands, May 25 (AP). — The world will face an oil shortage as early as 1983 unless steps are taken now to reduce consumption and develop alternative power sources, according to an international group of energy experts meeting here.

Dr. U. A. Lantze, Director of the Paris-based International Energy Agency, told delegates to the European Petroleum and Gas Conference that an international effort was needed to avert an early oil crisis.

Otherwise there will be a shortage in only five years time, resulting in heavy price rises which will hit Western European nations the hardest, he warned.

The delegates called for action to introduce other sources of energy -- such as nuclear, solar and wind -- before the world's oil wells start drying up. At the same time they urged the industrialised nations to try to cut down consumption.

The oil finds in the North Sea and Alaska will at best defer a shortage for a few years only, Dr. Lantze said. He added the world should not be misled by the current surplus of oil.

Hungary to drill Iraq oil wells

BUDAPEST, May 25 (R). — Hungary is to drill 20 oil wells in Iraq under an agreement announced here yesterday.

The official MTI News Agency said a group of oil experts left Budapest to cover ten borings in Iraq's Majnoon region. The other ten drillings in South Rumaila will be carried out by Hungarians already in the country.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ROUNDUP

St. Louis ends 11-game losing streak

NEW YORK, May 25 (AP). — John Denny's two-hitter and Ted Simmons' two-run single enabled the St. Louis Cardinals to halt their 11-game losing streak last night with a 2-0 victory over Montreal.

In other early National League games, Chicago beat Philadelphia 6-4 in ten innings. Pittsburgh beat New York 6-5 in ten innings. San Francisco blanked Houston 2-0 and Cincinnati edged Atlanta 5-4.

In early American League action, Baltimore split a doubleheader with Detroit, losing 3-2 and winning 1-0, and Boston beat Toronto 8-2.

Manny Trillo's two-out, two-run homer gave Chicago its victory and vaulted the Cubs into first place in the N.L. East, one-half game ahead of the Phillies.

Rennie Stennett's bases-loaded single drove in two runs and catapulted the Pirates past New York, overshadowing Willie Montanez' two home runs for the Mets, one of them in the top of the tenth.

San Francisco maintained its hold on first place in the West, one game ahead of Cincinnati, when pinch-hitter Vic Harris delivered a two-run single in the sixth inning against Houston.

The second-place Reds scored three runs in the eighth inning, the decisive one coming home when Mickey Mahler walked Joe Morgan with the bases loaded.

Andres Mora's home run and Jim Palmer's six-hitter gave Baltimore its nightcap triumph after the Tigers won the opener on a ninth-inning single by Aurelio Rodriguez.

Jack Brohamer and Carlton Fisk of Boston each hit homers to back Mike Torrez's seven-hitter against the Blue Jays.

In a late N.L. game, San Diego trounced Los Angeles 9-3. In the A.L., California trimmed Chicago 4-1, Milwaukee routed Oakland 7-1, Texas edged

Minnesota 3-2 in 11 innings and Kansas City topped Seattle 6-5.

Tucker Ashford and Oscar Gamble combined for five hits and five runs battled in for San Diego to drop the third-place Dodgers two games behind San Francisco.

Chris Knapp hurled a four-hitter and Don Baylor and Bobby Grich slammed homers to send California into first place in the A.L. West, five percentage points ahead of the A's.

Major league baseball results and standings after Wednesday's games:

NATIONAL LEAGUE:

EAST:

Chicago 20 17 .541 —
Philadelphia 19 17 .528 1 1/2
Montreal 20 20 .500 1 1/2
Pittsburgh 18 21 .462 3
New York 19 23 .452 3 1/2
St. Louis 15 28 .366 7

WEST:

San Francisco 25 14 .641 —
Cincinnati 26 17 .605 1
Los Angeles 24 17 .585 2
Houston 18 20 .474 8 1/2
San Diego 19 22 .463 7
Atlanta 15 24 .385 10

Wednesday's games:
Cincinnati 5, Atlanta 4
Chicago 6, Philadelphia 4, ten innings
San Francisco 2, Houston 0
Pittsburgh 8, New York 5, ten innings
St. Louis 2, Montreal 0
San Diego 9, Los Angeles 3

AMERICAN LEAGUE:

EAST:

Boston 27 15 .643 —
Detroit 24 14 .632 1
New York 24 14 .632 1
Milwaukee 20 19 .513 5 1/2
Cleveland 18 20 .474 7
Baltimore 18 22 .450 8
Toronto 15 25 .375 11

WEST:

California 23 16 .590 —
Oakland 24 17 .585 1
Kansas City 21 19 .525 2 1/2
Texas 20 19 .513 3
Minnesota 17 25 .405 7 1/2
Seattle 16 29 .356 10
Chicago 12 25 .324 10

Wednesday's games:
Detroit 3-0, Baltimore 2-1
Boston 8, Toronto 2
Cleveland at New York, postponed, rain
Texas 3, Minnesota 2, 11 innings
Milwaukee 7, Oakland 1
California 4, Chicago 1
Kansas City 6, Seattle 5

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON, (R). — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies against the dollar at the close of interbank trading on the London foreign exchange market last night. Tourist rates will differ from those quoted below.

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| One sterling | 1.8132/37 | U.S. dollars |
| One dollar | 2.1205/20 | West German marks |
| | 2.2690/2710 | Dutch guilders |
| | 1.9565/75 | Swiss francs |
| | 33.10/13 | Belgian francs |
| | 4.6640/70 | French francs |
| | 871.30/60 | Italian lire |
| | 225.55/70 | Japanese yen |
| | 4.6800/10 | Swedish crowns |
| | 5.4610/25 | Norwegian crowns |
| | 5.7135/50 | Danish crowns |

LONDON MARKET REPORT

Prices closed firm Thursday after ICI's higher than expected first quarter results and at 15:00 F.T. index was up 4.8 at 478.8.

Short-dated government bonds firmed up to 3/8 after news that the minimum lending rate will be set on consultation with the chancellor of the exchequer, dealers said.

Gold shares, U.S. and Canadian issues were all easier. ICI was the most active issue and it closed 2p off its high at 387 for a net rise of 9p compared with yesterday's close.

Price of gold closed in London Thursday at \$178.60/oz.

THE BETTER HALF. By Barnes



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Neither vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ K Q 10 8
♥ A K 7 4
♦ 9 3
♣ A 5 3

EAST
♠ 7 5 3
♥ Q 6 2
♦ K J 10
♣ J 8 7 6

SOUTH
♠ A J 9 4
♥ 10 8
♦ A Q
♣ K Q 10 4 2

The bidding:
North East South West
1NT Pass 3♦ Pass
3♥ Pass 3♦ Pass
4♦ Pass 5♦ Pass
5♥ Pass 5NT Pass
7♦ Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead: Three of ♠.

You don't get a bonus for hiding a grand slam—you have to make it as well. South only achieved half his goal on this deal.

North opened one no trump despite his weak doubleton because he feared he would not otherwise be able to properly describe his hand. When South forced in clubs, North liked his controls, so he showed his lower four-card major. Once the spade fit had been located, cue-bids in this red suits were followed by a general grand slam try of five no trump by South.

North, with two of the top three trump honors and this

ace of clubs, was happy to cooperate.

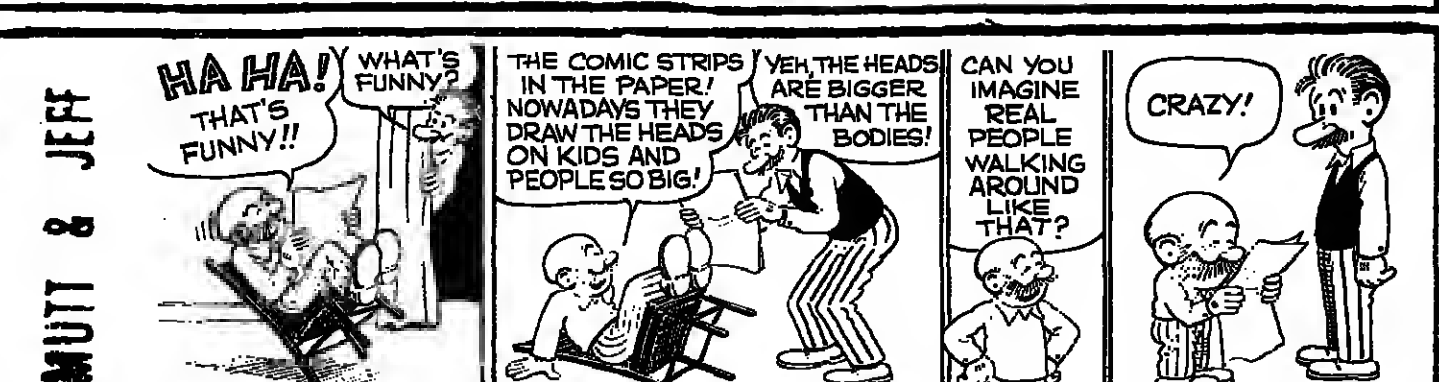
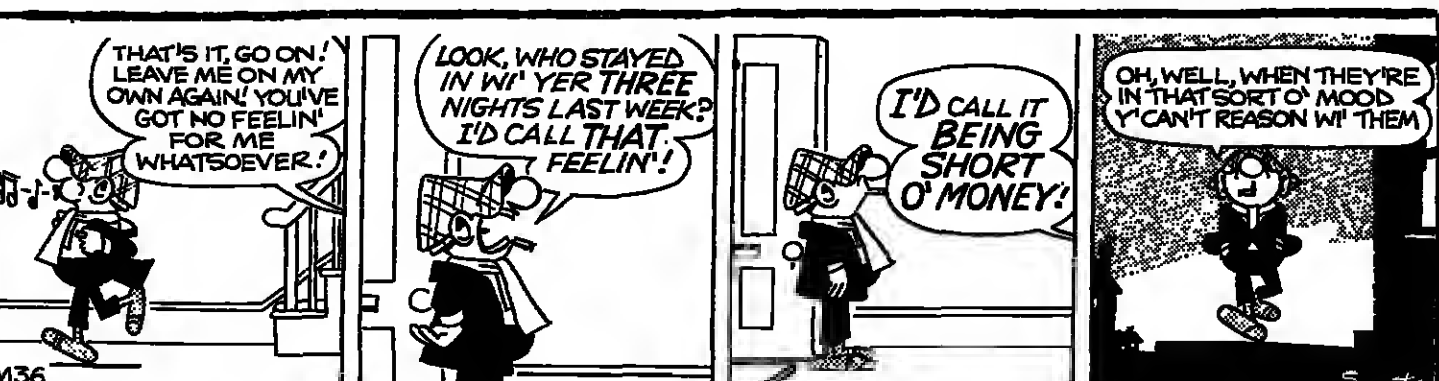
West led a trump and declarer saw no problem. He won and drew two more rounds of trumps, then set about running the clubs.

When that suit broke 4-1, declarer had to use dummy's last trump to ruff a club and set up a long club. That forced declarer to fall back on the diamond finesse for his grand slam. Unfortunately, West held the king of diamonds, and that meant down one.

Declarer was unlucky to find both four clubs and the diamond king in the West hand, but foresight would have enabled him to bring home his contract despite the distribution. He should have realized that a 4-1 break in either black suit could cause problems, and set about trying to neutralize that threat.

Declarer should win the opening lead in dummy and cash the king and ace of hearts. Now declarer should ruff a heart, then re-enter dummy with the ace of clubs. Next declarer ruffs dummy's last heart with the ace of trumps and overtakes the jack of trumps. When both defenders follow, the contract is assured.

Declarer simply draws the last trump, discarding the queen of diamonds from his hand. He cashes the king-queen of clubs and ruffs a club to set up the fifth club. His last two cards are the ace of diamonds and a club, both of which are high.



UNITED NATIONS, May 25 (R). — France, its forces involved in three separate African conflicts, today presents a new strategy for world disarmament to the United Nations. President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing will outline the French proposals at the U.N. special session on disarmament putting his country at the forefront of the international drive to end the arms race after almost 20 years on the sidelines.

M. Giscard d'Estaing's 40-minute address will be the first to the General Assembly by a French head of state.

The event's political importance is underscored by the growing French military involvement in Africa.

French sources said M. Giscard d'Estaing to his speech would draw comparisons between the vast sums spent in the arms race and the comparatively meagre amounts devoted to development aid.

United Nations figures show the world spends \$35 billion a year on arms, between five and six per cent of total world production of goods and services.

France also wants the existing 30-nation Geneva disarmament conference with the Soviet Union and the United States sharing the chair to be replaced by a move representative body.

In a further move to broaden responsibility for disarmament France has proposed a world system of inspection satellites which would operate on behalf of all nations to insure that disarmament commitments are kept.

In Washington last night it was disclosed that President Carter had decided to negotiate with the Soviet Union a ban on testing all nuclear weapons under arms U.S.

top military officers object to. Government sources said Mr. Carter had decided to negotiate a comprehensive test ban treaty banning all underground nuclear weapons tests.

Session delegates were also having to digest a speech yesterday by United States Vice-President Walter Mondale which many observers felt pulled a few punches in criticizing the growth of Soviet nuclear and conventional forces.

Zeroing in on the SS-20 mobile intermediate-range missile which carries three nuclear warheads, he said its deployment in Europe was a new departure in destructive power and represents a substantial

The above script is a page from the Gutenberg Bible which was sold at Christies in New Ynrk April 7 for \$2 million.

SEOUL, South Korea, May 25 (AP). — Zbigniew Brzezinski, President Carter's National Security Adviser, said he delivered a personal letter from Mr. Carter to President Park Chung-hee during a 33-hour meeting today, but the contents were not disclosed.

Mr. Brzezinski said he had "extremely frank and frank discussions" with Mr. Park, reviewing the situation in the Korean peninsula and in the Far East.

He said they both were "in general agreement" and that he felt reassured that the relationship between America and South Korea "is healthy."

Mr. Brzezinski said that America remains associated closely with Korea in the maintenance of Korean security, and emphasised "the fundamental importance the United States attaches to a close friendship and alliance" with Seoul.

Mr. Brzezinski, en route home from China, said Washington and Peking "share many common strategic concerns. In the final analysis, it is our basic assumption that friendship and normalisation between

He said he was returning to Washington "confident that the relations between the countries of East Asia are on a positive course and that these relations are an important contribution to international stability and peace."

SHARJAH, May 25 (R). — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) was expected to reintroduce next week an arrangement allowing foreigners to enter the country for a limited or short period without an advance entry visa, Sharjah ruler, Sheikh Sultan bin Muhammad Al Qassimi said here.

Temporary visa arrangements, under which foreigners were allowed a one week stay, was cancelled late last year as part of increased se-

curity measures following the assassination in October of Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Self Ibn Ghobash, by an armed Palestinian.

Sheikh Sultan said yesterday the UAE authorities were seriously considering reintroducing the temporary visa system as part of efforts to stimulate the economy and encourage tourism.

The UAE has a security force capable of maintaining security, he said.

By Lorne Barling
of the Financial Times

LONDON, (F.T.) — As Britain enters her fifth year as a member of the European Community, the EEC countries to suffer from a degree of inertia because of its inability to make progress on further unity. But economic adversity has knitted the Nine more closely together on external matters.

The greatest economic development for Britain during the five years of membership is probably the big switch in trade from traditional Commonwealth markets to European countries. This economic turnabout has had a considerable impact on the country. Australian and New Zealand ties have been weakened, for example, and these two countries have now moved more positively into their own Far Eastern sphere of commerce.

This change for Britain would almost certainly have taken place regardless of EEC membership, but by being part of the Community trade has taken place on more favourable terms.

Britain has been a member of the European Community for five years. There has been a considerable effect already -- and a great many problems to be ironed out. In another five years, perhaps, there will be more cause for celebration of this European union.

ing place to keep European currencies within a tighter band.

In the absence of any major steps towards greater political unity, the Brussels bureaucrats have been busy trying to provide an industrial structure in Europe which is clearly necessary for closer co-operation.

A lot of this work has involved inter-EEC trade and the progressive removal of barriers and restrictions. Also, the somewhat technical standardisation of goods and procedures, which has aroused considerable protest as time-honoured traditions are changed and equally difficult standardisation of company law.

The vast diversity of procedures in various European countries has made this a taxing and frustrating task. The U.K. though has been more

ently qualified to judge) believes that there is probably greater enthusiasm than is generally accepted.

Coordinating policy

It is clear that if Europe is to take up the role of a superpower, at least in the economic sense, it priorities must be far greater economic cooperation, with less competition and stronger links between its major industries. Whether this will run contrary to the ever increasing anti-monopoly powers remains to be seen.

A key role in this respect has been played by the EEC's Industries Commissioner, M. Etienne Davignon, who has recently pointed out the urgent need for coordinated policies on a number of key industries particularly steel.

The activities of British politicians and civil servants in Brussels, once expected to give new life to the alliance and provide new political stimulus, have not had an impact of that magnitude so far. Indeed the intransigence of Britain in some matters has perhaps had the opposite effect, giving rise to accusations of self-interest and Gaullist behaviour.

Nor has the attitude of the Labour Party endeared Britain to other member states but these are perhaps early days to such a momentous enterprise which inevitably involves the handing over of a certain amount of sovereignty.

Successful area

One of the most successful areas of advance in the past five years has been in strengthening various development funds such as the European Investment Bank and much has been achieved in research and development in areas such as atomic energy.

In its increasingly important trade relations with developing countries, the EEC is well ahead of any other trad-

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NAIROBI, May 25 (R). — The Cuban and South Yemeni ambassadors have left Ethiopia following opposition from the military government to Cuban-backed plans for the formation of a political party, diplomats in Addis Ababa said yesterday.

It appeared from recent public speeches that Colonel Mariam was still bent on trying to find a military solution in Eritrea the diplomats said.

Soviet plan to promote negotiations with the rebels and to quicken the formation of a political system which would eventually replace the Dergue. The abrupt departure of the ambassadors and Negede suggested the plan had failed, they added.

Negede was a close associate of Hailu Fida, the Lenin of the Ethiopian revolution, who went underground last summer when he lost a battle to control the political training of the country's newly formed militia.

According to diplomatic sources in the capital, he was captured and tortured at least once, but may still be alive and under arrest in the grand palace in Addis, headquarters of the Dergue.

UNITED NATIONS, May 25 (E) — Secretary of State Cyrus Vance will urge Cypriot President Spyros Kyprianou today to agree to a resumption of international talks with Turkish Cypriots, U.N. officials said.

Earlier this week, the State Department warmly welcomed a conciliatory statement by Mr. Denktash.

Mr. Denktash's statement represented a significant shift from proposals he tabled on April 13 and which the Greek Cypriot side rejected, the senior U.S. official said.

Most significant was Mr. Denktash's willingness to allow 30,000 to 35,000 Greek Cypriots to move back into Varosha -- the new part of the port city of Famagusta now under Turkish control -- during negotiations.

He said, Mr. Denktash now would be prepared to have Nicosia Airport reopened under United Nations auspices for use by both Cypriot communities.

Finally Mr. Denktash said that if negotiations were under way, he would be flexible on all issues -- not only the territorial question but the constitution as well.

WASHINGTON, May 25 (R). — President Carter, his national standing still low according to a new public opinion poll, hopes to shore up confidence in his leadership during a speaking tour starting today.

As Mr. Carter prepared yesterday for a two-day trip to Illinois and West Virginia, the ABC-Louis Harris survey reported that fellow Democrats Sen. Edward Brooke and Sen. Edward Kennedy were considered by 60 to 35 percent of a Presidential electorates held now.

It also said he would lose by five per cent to formermen President Gerald Ford in an election and by one point to Ronald Reagan, the Republican

Mr. Carter planned a press conference this afternoon in Chicago where tonight he will address a Democratic Party fund-raising dinner.

Tomorrow the president will address the Illinois legislature in Springfield on the need for Americans to support their government and then will go to Charleston, West Virginia, for more political activities.

On his return to Washington, Friday evening, Mr. Carter will be host at White House working dinner for French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing.

NARITA, Japan, May 25 (R). — More than 4,000 police guarded a rail truck near Tokyo today as tanker trains began moving millions of gallons of highly volatile jet fuel to the controversial new Narita Airport.

Police sources said it was feared the Red Army guerrillas may attempt to blow up the fuel supplies since the government has apparently succeeded in making the airport operational after years of violent protest.

The sources said offices based at Narita were also watching out for a possible attempt by the Red Army to

hijack plane at the airport, where flights are leaving and departing normally after last weekend's official opening.

Close surveillance is being kept on all known supporters of the Red Army, one of the most violent leftwing groups in the world.

The Red Army, formed in 1969, has perpetrated a number of hijackings and killed several people in gun battles.

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GENEVA, May 25 (R). — Refugees fleeing Burma were crossing into Bangladesh to escape ethnic persecution, the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) said yesterday.

A UNHCR spokesman told a press conference the refugees were mostly, though not all, Moslems.

"It is a case of ethnic persecution," he said.

British Red Cross delegate David Bedford, who arrived here today after ten days in Bangladesh, said 140,000 refugees from Burma were living in dismal conditions in eight camps and thousands more were arriving daily.

He said about 20 people had died. Tuesday the Bangladesh News Agency, quoting official sources, said 186 of the refugees had died, mostly from diarrhoea and malnutrition.

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